

THE SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation of the Bay Area

FAITHS Community Partners 2012 Mini-Grant Guidelines

The FAITHS Program supports efforts that increase the participation of residents in the civic life of our communities. Congregations and faith-based organizations in the five Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo) are eligible to apply for a mini-grant of up to **\$5,000** to support programs or projects that increase civic and cultural participation and/or provide needed community services to low-income communities.

Timeline

Monday, March 12, 2012	Application due in Grantee Center
Friday, May 10, 2012	Notification of decisions
June 1, 2012	Grant start date (12 month grant period)
Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Mandatory grantee orientation meeting

Guidelines and Eligibility

- Priority will be given to projects that:
 - Build the capacity of congregations and leaders to engage in civic issues, including nonpartisan voter engagement work, and community service.
 - Provide safety net services – food, clothing, shelter, health, and crisis services.
 - Promote dialogue, education, and action that improve the health and well-being of residents in low-income neighborhoods and communities in the Bay Area.
 - Provide free community-based arts and cultural activities, with a priority focus on low-income communities and/or immigrants.
- Projects must differ from any of your organization's other projects currently funded by The San Francisco Foundation.
- Funding cannot be provided retroactively.
- Current grantees of The San Francisco Foundation are eligible to apply for a mini-grant concurrently.
- All applications are due by **11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012**, and must be submitted online through Grantee Center at <http://granteecenter.sff.org/>
- If selected, grantees will be required to attend a mandatory orientation at The San Francisco Foundation on **Wednesday, May 30, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.**

Questions

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